

History Department Newsletter

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Back in Print: After a year's hiatus, the Newsletter is back. We welcome all news of Department affairs and academic activities of faculty, students and staff. Editors are Prof. Robert Tittler and MA student Catherine Braithwaite. Issues will appear about once a month during the academic year. Read on, Read on!

Welcomes: Welcomes abound for new faculty and students. We welcome Professor Fritz Van Holthoon of the University of Groningen, The Netherlands, as a Visiting Professor during the first term. Professor Van Holthoon has worked in and written widely on the intellectual and social history of both Europe and North America, and is Director of North American Studies at his home university. His office is in the Loyola Campus History complex.

We also welcome a host of new graduate students: the largest in several years. At the PhD level, Barbara Freeman joins us from Carleton University, and Gesche Peters moves up from our own MA programme.

MA students new to Concordia as well as the Programme include Elizabeth Cabadiadis and Pierre Cenerelli from McGill, Leona Crabbe from Saskatchewan, Marc Dupont from Laval and Ottawa, Panagiotis Hatzis from Carleton, Eric Marquis from Victoria, Troy Marshall from New Brunswick and Waterloo, Marisa Scigliano from Toronto and Dalhousie, Susan Smith from Simon Fraser, and Michael Walther from York.

Concordia graduates joining the MA Programme include Bob Baird, Daniel Courville, Nadia-Mandeep Deol, Sammy DiMatteo, Gazaly Malek, Mark Manning, John Manolis, John Papadimas, Bill Russell, Deborah Shulman and Daphne Zeitz.

New Fellowship Winners include Gesche Peters (Concordia PhD Fellowship and FCAR Bourse) and Luisa Teixeira (FCAR Bourse), while Keith Lowther, Troy Marshall, David Smith, Neil Hitchin, Michael Leon and Jonathan Schwartzman won Teaching Assistantships. Congratulations to all!

Who's Who at the Top (and Near It):

This year brings a considerable shuffling of Department administrators. Graeme Decarie began his new three year term as Chairman in June, but has chosen to spend this semester exchanging with Prof. Van Holthoon. He will thus be teaching Canadian History at Groningen University, returning in January. In his place, the Department will be led by Acting Co-Chairmen Geoffrey Adams (based at Loyola) and Cameron Nish (based at Sir George).

Fred Bode begins his term as Graduate Director. Undergraduate Coordinators are Walter Van Nus and Franziska Shlosser, both based at Sir George. Graham Carr has chaired a Department Priorities Committee over the summer months, and Frank Chalk and John Hill serve as Department Library Liaisons.

Comings and Goings: In addition to Graeme Decarie's first term absence, William Hubbard, Fred Krantz, Stephen Scheinberg, and Mary Vipond are on sabbatical all year, and Robert Tittler will be on sabbatical from January to June. Ron Rudin, Walter Van Nus and Irving Smith return from sabbatical leaves. Fred Krantz, having been made a permanent Core Fellow of Liberal Arts College, will return to the Department on a limited basis after his current leave.

Good News From the Library Front: Thanks largely to the heroic labours of Judy Appleby, History Librarian (and newly appointed Head of the Vanier Library), the Department's monograph budget allocation has risen again, from \$43,450 last year to \$49,950 for this year! (As recently as 1988-9 it was only \$31,200).

Brown Bag Seminar Series: To celebrate their first full year in the new Vanier Library Office Complex at Loyola, the four resident departments, including History, are holding a year-long 'Brown Bag' Seminar series for faculty and graduate students. The following fall sessions will meet from noon to 1 PM in the new Faculty and Graduate Student Lounge adjacent to the History Offices: bring your lunch and listen in:

21 Sept., Prof. Jim Moore (Pol. Sci.), 'Calvinism and Commerce in Early Modern Europe'.

12 Oct., Prof. Ron Rudin (History), 'Quebec, Ireland and the British Empire'.

2 Nov., Prof. Susan Hoecker-Drysdale (Soc.) 'Reflections on Harriet Martineau'.

23 Nov. Prof. Edmund Egan (Phil.) 'Reflections on Post-Modernism in Education'.